BLACKSBURG PARKS AND RECREATION
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PARK DEVELOPMENT

- Gateway Park trail was developed by 106 volunteers to create a legal public access to the National Forest

- The Evening Rotary Club finished construction of the 24'x44' picnic shelter at Heritage Park that they purchased for the department

- Parks and Landscaping (Public Works) took over the maintenance of all parks and has done an outstanding job

- The Parks and Recreation Department is working with the Noontime Rotary on the concept plan of the parking area and gazebo at Wong Park

- The Parks and Recreation Director obtained an easement from Mrs. Jenerette on Meadowbrook Drive to assist with the Gateway Trail connection

- Creation of a pocket park on the Huckleberry Trail (corner of the airport property and Tech Center Drive) was completed

- The Director is working on concept plan of tunnel to tunnel project with the Friends of the Huckleberry

- The Director secured a $5000 donation for a gazebo at the Gateway Park

- The Director attended a LEED certified workshop and submitted a LEED grant for the development of a concept plan of a Nature Center for the Heritage Park

FACILITY UPGRADES

- The game room at the Community Center was renovated with new pool tables, foosball, and video games. This is the first renovation to that equipment in 20+ years

- Connie Anderson's Senior Endorsement is fully funded ($10,000) and annual disbursement of funds will go to the Senior section

- The Golf Course taped "Par for the Course," a three-part golfing show to be aired on WTOB

- New Line of golf clothing and hats arrived for retail sales

- Johnson Controls completed the construction of the new dehumidification system for the pool

- Hired Spencer Doyle as new Aquatic Supervisor

- Replaced spa boiler with energy-saving heat exchanger

- Added 2 new chlorinators with booster pumps

- Purchased new automatic vacuum system to clean pool more efficiently and with less staff hours

- All lockers are now coin operated for better revenue recovery

PROGRAMS

- Offered the greatest number of programs ever

- Collected $440,860.44 in total revenue; best ever

- The Department submitted a budget for 2004-2005: $100,000 in supplies, materials and wage workers

- Hired LandDesigns of Ashville, NC to be the consultant for the 40 year Vision Plan for the department

- The Department held the first annual Blacksburg Flower & Garden Festival on College Avenue. The two-day event had 15 vendors, was well attended by the general public and co-sponsored by Home Depot

- Sales from the "Benches in Bloom" at the Blacksburg Flower & Garden Festival were divided between the Department, Blacksburg Regional Arts Association and the Downtown Merchants

- Special Events section held a Car Show that was co-sponsored with the New River Valley Mall

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

- Implemented the registration software, Rec Trac, to better serve our citizens

- Van safety manuals were developed as part of our Emergency Procedures regarding risk management

- The Director created a new position of Program Manager within the Department to handle the duties of seasonal brochures, marketing, and to expand programming

INTERDEPARTMENTAL COOPERATION

- The Director continues to organize the EMT retreats

- The Director to lead the Planning and Engineering retreat by conducting group initiatives

- The Director continues to be a team member of the EMS/P2 work group

- The Parks and Recreation Department created a Memo of Understanding for the area Recreation Department to support the local area Senior Games

- The Director continues monthly meeting with Montgomery County Parks and Recreation Director

- Director met with Montgomery County Planning to discuss their Parks and Recreation chapter of their comprehensive plan

- The Director was on interview panels for Town's Safety Coordinator and Planning Chief positions

- The Director met with Town Attorney and Police concerning Park Ordinance and the Huckleberry Trail Maintenance Agreement

- The Director worked on the Town Budget Team and with the sub-groups—Fleet, Enterprise, and Revenue